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VARIATION

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed July 22, 2002, in connection with the above-captioned application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow. Filed herewith are: 1) Exhibit A ("Marked Up Version of Amended Paragraphs"); 2) Exhibit B ("Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims"); 3) Exhibit C ("Pending Claims After Entry of Instant Amendment"); 4) a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for responding by two months from October 22, 2002 to and including December 23, 2002 (the Monday following Sunday, December 22, 2002).

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, line 25, please replace the paragraph beginning "Genetically determined differences . . ." with the following: